

Small Worlds Around Us
By Lynn M. Watkins

'Skinny As A Rail' Refers to Rail Birds
Describing the lady's slenderness by saying "she is as slim as a rail" has no reference to the wooden bar that formed the horizontal beams of an old fashioned fence; the kind Abe Lincoln was an expert at splitting.

The "slim rail" of the old expression was a bird. As far as the bird is concerned, this thinness has a terrific advantage: it can pass in between two cattail stems that are almost together, without ruffling a feather. And, peculiarly enough, the bird seems to know how difficult it is to see, for it will deliberately turn its body to directly face any potential danger; it seems to know that edgewise, it attains almost complete invisibility.

Looks Like Grass
Then, by remaining perfectly still, with neck outstretched, and long bill pointed skyward, it looks more like a tuft of grass than a living bird.

There are many varieties of "railbirds." Carolina, Virginia, Clapper, King and Sora rails, as well as many others, but in habits and general appearance they are much alike; all prefer living in a swamp, marsh, or swale, where cattails and water sedges give ample hiding places, for all the rails are secretive birds.

If it were not for the peculiar call the bird utters occasionally, its presence would seldom be suspected. At the close approach of an intruder, the bird sneaks through the weeds, head down, skulking like a thief in the night. The rail always seems reluctant to take to the air, and will fly only as a last resort. Before it decides to fly it may even dive down under water, freeze immobile, and try to look like a reed, or adopt some other little-suspected ruse. You can't blame it for preferring not to fly for it's very awkward in the air.

The olive-brown color of the body, with its black bars and markings, blends in with its surroundings so perfectly it can escape even a practiced eye. Once on the spongy floor of its selected habitat, and unmolested, the rail steps with delicate deliberation, occasionally plunging its long bill down into the mud. The short, upturned tail gives the rail a sort of unbalance appearance, and along with its cardboard-like thickness, makes it one of the most unfamiliar of all the swamp-land birds. Being "slim as a rail" is a tremendous forward step in protective adaptability in the "rail family."

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Tree Farm Owners Will Be Honored

Owners of four recently certified tree farms in southern Oregon will be honored at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Pioneer room at the Jackson hotel.

New tree farm owners are Jack and Pat Lengle, Wagner Creek Tree Farm; Archie Pierce, Papoose Tree Farm; Robert and Virginia Walker, Ramsey Canyon Tree Farm; and Sylvester and Ann Payne, Chetco Tree Farm.

Stuart A. (Duke) McQueen, Kogap Lumber Industries, Medford, will make the presentation of special plaques on behalf of the West Coast Tree Farm organization and the Industrial Forestry association, sponsors of the program.

L. L. (Stub) Stewart, president of Associated Oregon Industries, Clup Creek, Ore., will report on activities of the AOI that affect the logging and lumber industry in southern Oregon.

Other guests will include Jack Curtis, safety engineer, Oregon Timber Transport Operators, and several members of the board of directors of the Oregon Logging Conference.

The social hour will start at 7 o'clock tonight. A short business meeting will precede the program, according to Dale Prentice, secretary-manager of SOCTFA.

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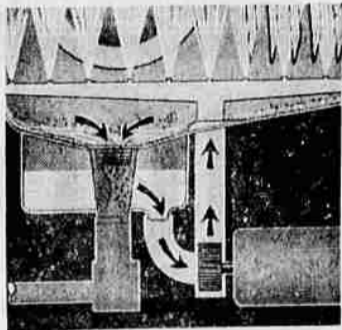


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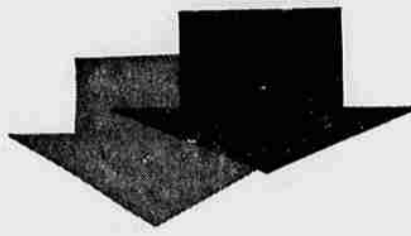


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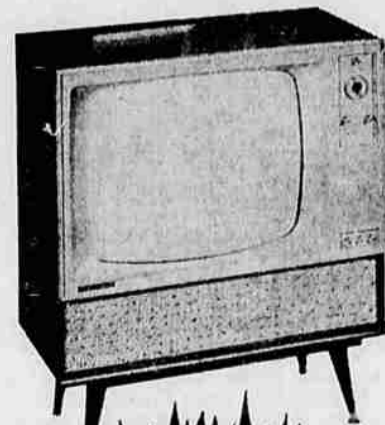


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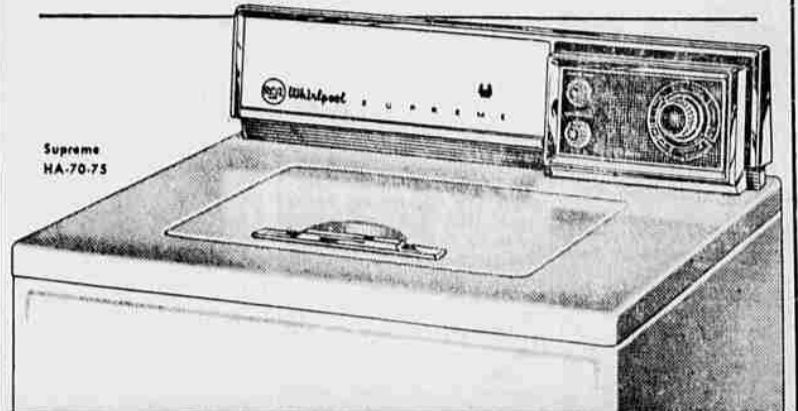
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